The Claims

1. (Currently amended) An installation module comprising:

an encrypted software module that is a first version of the software module;

a decryption key to decrypt the encrypted software module, wherein the decryption key is encrypted as a function of a cryptographic hash value produced by hashing a corresponding trigger file with a hash algorithm; and

an executive for using the decryption key to decrypt the encrypted software module when at least one of a set of trigger files is stored on a computing system and to install the first version of the software module on the computing system when at least one of the set of trigger files is stored on the computing system, wherein each of the trigger files indicates authorization to install the encrypted software module, and wherein the first version of the software module uses greater than a threshold strength encryption;

wherein a second version of the software module is installed if at least one of the set of trigger files is not stored on the computing system, and wherein the second version of the software module uses a strength encryption that is not greater than the threshold strength encryption.

2. (Currently amended) An installation module comprising:

an encrypted software module;

a key, wherein the key is encrypted as a function of a cryptographic hash value produced by hashing a corresponding trigger file with a hash algorithm;

an executive for decrypting and installing the encrypted software module with the key when at least one of a set of trigger files is stored on a computing

system, wherein the encrypted software module uses greater than a threshold strength encryption, wherein a different version of the software module is installed when at least one of the set of trigger files is not stored on the computing system, and wherein the different version of the software module uses a strength encryption that is not greater than the threshold strength encryption; and

a database for identifying the trigger files.

3. (Previously presented) The installation module of claim 2, wherein the database includes the key.

4. (Original) The installation module of claim 3, wherein the key is encrypted.

5. (Original) The installation module of claim 2, wherein the database includes a hash value for each of the trigger files.

6. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the encrypted software module is a cryptographic software module.

7. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein the encrypted software module is a dynamic-link library (DLL) for providing a secure socket layer (SSL).

8. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the encrypted software module resides on a computer-readable medium.

9-36. (Canceled).